

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL BICYCLE TASK FORCE

Tuesday, June 16, 1998
MAG Office Building, Suite 200 - Ocotillo Conference Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chairman	Dale Brunk for Steve Hancock, Mesa
Mark Mansfield, ADOT	*Tracy Stevens, Peoria
Tami Ryall for Christopher Miller, Gilbert	*John Siefert, Phoenix
*Susan Bookspan, Glendale	Maureen Mageau-DeCindis, RPTA
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear	Amy MacAulay, Scottsdale
Mike Cartsonis, Litchfield Park	*Eric Iwersen, Tempe
Aaron Iverson, Maricopa County	

*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dawn Coomer, MAG
John Farry, MAG
Kirk Roberts, MCDOT

1. Call to Order

Chairman Patrick McDermott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the May 19, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Amy MacAulay moved to approve the May 19, 1998 meeting minutes, Maureen Mageau-DeCindis seconded, and the motion passed. Dale Brunk did not vote since he had not attended the May 19 meeting.

3. Call to the Audience

No members of the audience were present to address the Task Force.

4. Local Technical Assistance Program

Erika J. Martinez addressed the Task Force to discuss education and training services provided by the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). She described the program, recent changes in the structure

and focus of the program, and efforts to identify customer needs. She noted that LTAP is an excellent educational resource.

5. Status Report on FYs 1998, 1999 and 2000 Federally Funded Bicycle Projects

John Farry addressed the committee, referring to the agenda attachment which indicated the status of federally funded bicycle projects. He noted that this report would be provided to the Task Force each quarter. Committee members had no updates to the information.

6. Closeout of the FY 1998 MAG Federally Funded Program

John Farry addressed the committee to provide an update on projects recommended for acceleration in the current Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He distributed the memo given to the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) which provided several possible options to use remaining funds during the closeout process. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis asked if bike projects were included in any options, and John responded that no projects appeared to be ready for design. He added that options three and four did include a Chandler bike project. Maureen asked how this process was different from the process used for designing pedestrian projects, and John noted that pedestrian design projects were handled through the Unified Planning Work Program rather than the TIP. He added that any projects ready for design should be mentioned to MAG staff as soon as possible.

Summarizing committee discussion, Patrick McDermott noted that the committee needed a better understanding of the process, and John said that he would send information to Task Force members via fax after some additional research.

7. ADOT Draft Bicycle Policy to Accommodate Bicyclists on the State Highway System

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee and distributed a response sent to ADOT by MAG staff after review of the ADOT Draft Bicycle Policy. Mark Mansfield provided some additional background on the policy, and noted that specific comments were integrated while more general comments, such as the MAG comments, were more difficult to address and had not been integrated. He added that most of the input had been rather general rather than specific. Amy McAulay and Maureen Mageau-DeCindis mentioned that they had not received copies of the policy to review. Amy added that she had several specific comments to be considered, and asked how public input was integrated into the draft policy. The committee discussed some specific concerns, including bike lanes on highways, rumble strips, and construction signs. Aaron Iverson asked if it was too late to submit comments. Mark responded that he could accept comments until Friday, June 26. The draft policy was ready to go to the ADOT Director. When asked when the policy would go to the State Transportation Board, Mark responded that the policy was an internal matter and would not go to the board.

Amy added that the policy should address ADOT's role in bicycle planning. Patrick McDermott asked if the Task Force wished to respond to the policy as a group, or as individuals. John Farry suggested individual comments due to the deadline. Amy added that the comment period was too short. Pat added

that the policy was good considering the current ADOT focus. He said that group discussion would be needed to develop a group position.

Amy moved that the Chair send a letter to the ADOT director expressing concern over the limited comment period. Mike Cartsonis seconded the motion. The committee discussed the motion, with Amy adding concern over the lack of public input. After discussion, the committee decided that MAG staff would work with the chair to write and send the letter.

8. Approval of Working Paper One

Dawn Coomer addressed the Task Force, noting that the issues and needs and goals and objectives had been combined into one working paper. Mike Cartsonis expressed concerns over the length of the paper. The committee discussed this, and noted that substantial work had already been done, and that this paper needed to be adopted to move ahead with the plan update. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis moved to adopt the working paper, Mark Mansfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of Working Paper Two

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee to describe the content of the working paper. Amy MacAualy moved to adopt the working paper, and Maureen Mageau-DeCindis seconded the motion. The committee discussed the paper, with Mike Cartsonis noting that the recommendations should be re-ordered to change the priority. The committee discussed various options for doing this, and decided to change the numbers to bullets, and to reverse the first and second statement. Amy amended her motion to include these changes, Maureen concurred, and the motion passed with Dale Brunk not voting.

10. Plan Update Process

Dawn Coomer addressed the committee to describe the status of the plan update, referring to the agenda attachments. She asked for input on characteristics to be mapped for the updating of the plan maps. Maureen Mageau-DeCindis noted that several committee members with possible input were not present, and suggested that this item be discussed at the next meeting. John Farry noted that the plan should be complete according to the timeline provided in the attachment to allow for inclusion in the Long Range Transportation Plan Update in March, 1998. Patrick McDermott suggested that separate meeting could be held. Maureen suggested contacting members by e-mail to obtain input. Mike Cartsonis noted that local and regional destinations should both be mapped. He also suggested that short trips be called "community trips" rather than "casual trips."

11. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 21, 1998 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.